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Art Unit 3729

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/758,007; Filed: January 16, 2004
For: **Piezoelectric Thin-Film Element, Ink-Jet Head Using the Same, and
Method of Manufacture Thereof**
Inventor: Masami MURAI
Our Ref: 1089.0380001/MAC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. SKG&F Cover Letter;
2. Reply to Requirement For Election of Species; and
3. One (1) return postcard

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply to Requirement For Election of Species

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 9, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species A, drawn to Fig. 5. Claims 1-3 read on such species. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

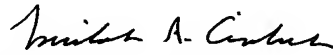
Applicant asserts the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a). This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, and withdrawal of the election of species, are respectfully requested.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any

fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account
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Respectfully submitted,

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